

THE
Second-Sighted Highlander :
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AND
Foretold EVENTS:
Especially about the
PEACE.

By the famous Scots Highlander.

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THE Ancient experienc'd Person who in his Meditations of what shall succeed in this Age, has told such surprizing Things, and who being oblig'd us to conceal his Name, we call the Highlander with the Second Sight, hath been very backward this Year to give us his Notions Events; but being very much importud. he sent to us (the Publishers of this Book) the following Letter; which we thought fit to Publish, as a very good Introduction to the Work it self.

To my FRIENDS who shall
Read or Print my Meditations
the Times now in Sight.

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Things in the last two Years, was reso
to foretell you no more: But behold the Vision
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War, and Consultations of the grand Assemblies of the World are not conceal'd from us. In my traversing the waste and barren Mounts of my Country, I see Mists crowning distant Mountains, and marching to shock and engage each other, flaming Meteors dart this Way, rise, fall, shoot and flash; direct, oblique, prone, perpend, and pointing to each other: Moving Air describes in (to others invisible) small and exactly shap'd Clouds, the very Faces, Shapes, Names and Distinctions of such Persons, Nations, Towns, Cities and People of whom those Mists, Meteors, and other Clouds represent the Actions: Darkness it self forms the Posture of things by which *WE* see, and every Cloud is fill'd with Hieroglyphicks for the Assistance of this uncouth Attainment called *SECOND SIGHT.*

In this Manner Peace, War, Life, Death, Fate, Catastrophe, Plague, Dearth, Plenty, Victory, Loss, Storms, Blasts, Tempests, and universal Event is more easily seen by *US*, than any Calculation from Views of Stars, Constellations, Motions or Positions of Heavenly Bodies can discern: As these Views have signified then in my Observe for the Year coming, take them as follows.

First VISION.

IN the black of the Night, *Lemon-top* being two Thirds dismal, came a light Gleam from the *East*, thro' which, piercing Sight discovers, that in the Councils of the *Northern* World much Confusion happens in the first of the Year about Peace and War; the Crowns and

and Powers engaged against France inveigh against one of their own Ally'd Branches, and being Exasperate at that Power for what they call Betraying them, consult how to make Peace themselves, and Avenge themselves of those who dealt Treacherously with them, but Power fails; I saw the Muster-Roll of their devised Power too weak, so they content themselves with Recording, that separating Power in all their Archives as the most perfidious Nation upon Earth, whether justly or no the Vision says not.

A Voice I heard not, but in Capitals of bright Air were written on a Cloud at inconceivable Difiance, such Words (tho' in Celestial Characters) as these, *The perfidious Nation trodden down of those she Saved, and laugh'd at by those she Betrayed.* In the Measure of Time observ'd by our Ancestors from the Degree of Brightness on the Cloud in the Center of Vision, this Appearance signifies twelve Years, eleven Lunar Months, some Days, e'er it come to pass.

The bright little Body of Cloud which represented Peace moved on, but stopp'd before the Place design'd for its Rest; so no Peace seems to be yet ripe enough to be declared in Europe, whether General or Separate.

The North Point of Mac-derf over the great Land, lour'd three Days and a half: There I see three Months and half of this coming Year the Nations of Europe shall prepare for War, tho' Peace be in their Words, and I fear even then, another Year of Blood e'er the Quiet of Europe be Established, the louring Cloud ending in black, not bright, shows to

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All the Councils of Europe busied in oppressing
the Nations by Taxes: This I saw in an infinite Ap-
pearance of Cloud representing the People of the
World stripp'd Naked, and crowding together to
get Food and Covering in Winter.

Second VISION.

FER the Morning Sun rise, or the comfortless
Day of Cold and Storm breaks in the howling
Waste of the black High-Lands, I am call'd out to see
a dancing Light dazzling and casting dismal Reflecti-
ons on the Seas, made also black by boisterous Winds.
What sees the piercing Eye in this Glimmer of Mock-
Day? I see there Strife and Envy; two She-Furies
riding Victors among the Nations of *Europe*, and
filling them with the Noxious Vapour of their stag-
nate Seed, impregnating the Passions, and embroiling
the Councils of *Europe*.

The once United Powers jar, differ, envy, strive,
each willing to make the best Terms they can in the
Peace, which they all at edge themselves forc'd to
agree to; but each jealous of one another, lest
one makes the Concessions which the other would
make, to gain the same Advantages.

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The like Effects of Strife and Envy among the Northern Confederates, who all incline to make Peace with the Swedes, but agree not with one another and lose thereby both the Occasion of a good Peace and the Advantage they seem'd to have by the War for the Swedes who seem'd to be Ruin'd, escape, and remain still formidable ; they also begin to find Friends among the Christian as well as Turkish Powers of Europe, who resolve to check the Ambition of the Muscovite.

Amber Clouds rising from the Dawn tells me by the Vision of their Figure, that the threatening Preparations of War in the North fill Europe with Apprehension that their Miseries are not at an End : But beyond all this, the pointed Eye saw a Calm with assured Lines of Peace written over the Angle of Events for the whole Year ; signifying that this Year shall however finish the Strife of this part of the World but a Vista beyond all, shews that Peace shall neither be pleasing or lasting.

The farther Part South of these Appearances assure me that the Strife of People among themselves abate not in this Nation, and the Vision portends Blood, and much Confusion in the End of Things tho' not yet ; some Tempests shall about the Month of February terrifie these Parts, and Merchants suffer much Loss.

Third VISION.

THE Sun in its Rising with bright Clouds gather'd to the fierce penetrating Sight to be written in its Center the Fate of Nations, in the

Letters of enamell'd Spots Chain-like, forming Letters unintelligible, but to the Power of revers'd Opticks : Here the Vision reads a Crown'd Head living up its Life, and giving Peace to its People by the Way of the Grave : Confusions follow in many Parts of the World : Bloody Characters written on the Left hand part of the Appearance tells us, that the Western part of Europe begins now to flame ; the French and Imperialists begin the War as if they had cast off Thoughts of Peace ; yet the Armies cannot be in their compleat Appearance in the Field ; Britain strives to prevent, but cannot effectually do it yet, and Holland, tho' unwillingly, sits passive ; Negotiations of a certain power to oblige to Peace, are refused, and that potentate upbraided by common Assent of many Nations with dishonourable Actions : Spots in the Sun describe the Ignominy of Princes and Crown'd potentates, the worse by how much all the Proceedings contradict former Measures of the same power with the same Persons and Parties, and in the same Cause.

Here in a clear Horizon appears the Genius of Sweden oppress'd with many Enemies, stript of many of its Plumes, that is Possessions, grown desperate and raging, but naked and forsaken, yet rising by its own Virtue in the End : This, the Vision tells me, shall end thus : The King of that Nation finding it not impossible to embroil the East of Europe in a War between the Turks and Muscovites in his Behalf, quitting the Territories of the Turks, with an armed Force, appears again in Poland, his procures new Scenes of Blood and War ; but Sweden prospers not till last of all, and remote.

Britain sits still, and engages not in Foreign Wars, by which the People obtain some Ease of Taxes; but Civil Feuds embroil us; our bright Sun shines with many Spots, and all our Hemisphere suffers an Eclipse by the intestine Quarrel among contending Sides at Home; especially expect Troubles from the *North* of various Kinds,

Great Talk and private Attempts about *Mary* to make Way for the *Pretender*, but that Fruit is not ripe, and some who pretend to pull it before it is come to Perfection, make much of it Fall to the Ground in the shaking; two Great Men fall at the Time, by whom the Enemy have so many the few Friends.

Fourth VISION.

TH E Grey of the Morning, thick with Wind and Clouds, forms Vapours in dismal Aspects over the great Lake of the floating Lands: Two Islands swimming in *Lomon* shock and dash together. The *Vision* sees Armies of Animated Particulars shocking together with such a Force, as entire sinks and overthrows One: Note, The Honest sink, the Knavish swim; the evil Spirit Victor over the good; Power oppresses Right, and Liberty in certain Nation receives a great, and almost fatal Blow.

In very Legible Characters to such whose Internal Opticks are rightly employ'd, I read War no
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begun in four Places in Europe : France receives some Advantage, but is chequ'd by a flaming Prince from the North-East ; a great Person who travels Abroad on his private Occasions is courted to embark in Europe's Quarrel, in behalf of some of those he formerly assisted ; as yet he declines.

Terror appears in the Vapours following the ; Mortality begins to threaten the World ; trembles, and Germany also, but the Season young, the Day early, and the Sun not risen its Meridian.

Kindly Seasons promise well, plenty of Food Britain, and Scarcity Abroad, gives us an Advantage which we know no more how to use, than to deserve, or be thankful for.

Odd Doings in the Assemblies of the Estates of Country, juggling of Statesmen, and the surprising End of a Great Person about Months of April or May ; some Action in the this time ; on the Rhine great Motions, the War goes on faster than the Peace , finally on the Side of Spain and Italy ; the seem to waver very much, and it may dash to all by this time conclude vigorously to stop diffusion of Blood : Spain weak, acts noted Part but the French push in Catalonia, and the as entire or unable to relieve his People there, com Honest sim with some Things which he would not else or over t some Blood drawn about the Rhine ; a liberty in Action or two, and Loss on both Sides ; almost fat Germans suffer, but revive.

Fifth VISION.

Morning and Evening expose the Circles
Vision, Midnight-Dark abating, the Light
for the conceal'd Sight lie parallel at the Setting or Rising of the Sun, which now begins
leave no Night in Parts so near the Pole as there
are. From the Summit of an immense Mount
lying East, come darting every Morning, Regions
of Vision, which are perceptible only to them
who see by Internal Perspective.

Here I see the Broils and bloody Content
of the World are not at all abated, but in a
remov'd from the Camp to the Cabinet ;
Fury and Animosity of People, and espec
the Princes of the World, is exerted in their
forming Interests, and strengthening them
against one another more by New Confederacy
than by Open War.

I see a Storm in the vast Nothern Caledonian
Ocean, Seas rise against Seas with threatening
Bulk, and Waters gathering to the Battalions,
sudden Accident arising from small Occasional
ill managed, shall cause Two great Maritime
Powers of Europe to threaten War against
other, and Open Preparations on both sides
it seem Impossible to be avoided, but
when over rules and averts the threatened
struction for the present ; how long, the
says not.

The first publick Steps towards a General Peace are taken about this time, both Sides being by this time able to make some Estimate of the other's Strength, and the Events of War. A great Siege about this time, this alters the Affairs of the Emperor, if the *Dutch*, accepting the Ceſſation of Arms, with hold their Fleets, *Catalonia* must fall into the Hands of the *French*, and of the *Spaniards* of course, and the Imperial Army capitulate to be ſent away : Count *Staremburg* is willing to have a parting Blow with the *Spaniard*, and makes one laſt Effort, but want of all things oppreſſeth the German Valour, and diſappoints the well-laid Deſigns of the Count, tho' an Experienc'd General as any in the World.

Thro' a bright Emanation the piercing Eye ſees a black diſmal Time, threatning Judgment, Mortality and Contagion, the legible Part ſpells *Hamburg*, *Hungary*, *Constantinople*, *Italy*, *Bremen*, *Pomeren*; if the *Plague* viſits not moſt of these Parts this Year, my *Second Sight* muſt fail more than I think it ſhall ; let other nearer Parts prepare for it.

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Sixth VISION.

THIS Season, which it was expected should have finished the *Plagues* of Mankind respecting War and Bloodshed, affords us rather threatening Prospects of new Commotions; the *Dutch*, and some *Princes* of *Germany* arm a new, being alarm'd at some Proceedings which respect the Succession of Monarchs to some Dominions on this *North* part of the *Globe*; these *Preparations* shall put some on this Side in great Confusion, and others in great Expectation; nor does the *Vision* of this Season reach to the End of these New Affairs: *WE*, who in this Island have upon our Hands a Matter of the last Moment respecting the Succession of our Monarchs, cannot be without Concern in such an Affair, and if some Attempts are made to its Prejudice, they may be expected about the Months of *June* or *July*; let the *People* of *Britain* take heed of pulling down with their own Hands their Securities: None can hurt them but themselves.

Heaven threatens, as far as the Power of dictated *Vision* extends, great Calamities upon the Face of the Earth about this time; War makes the least Havoc this Year, yet Blood flows plentifully in the *North*, no Accommodation can yet be made with the *Swedes* and the *Muscovites*; the *Turk* threatens, and the *Muscovite* prepares for them; the Frontiers suffer dreadful Ravages on both Sides, but *Poland* feels the Heaviest of the War: The King of *Sweden* now pushes

pushes Home on every Side, and bids fair to reduce all his Enemies ; a bloody Action in *Por-*
land.

Utrecht is now the Scene of War : There the Fate of Kingdoms seems to be absolutely decided, neither Side make any considerable Advantage of the War in the Field, yet some small Advances are made in the Treaties, and the several Pretensions of the Princes are so great, and their Interests so inconsistent with one another, that they come yet to no Conclusion, the Breach has been too wide to be soon closed.

A Fight in the *North* between the *Swedes* and their Enemies : the *Swedes* have the Advantage, but with much Loss, which weakens them, and inclines them to Treat again : Some new Friends to the Swedish Interest appears, and *France* threatens the *Muscovite*, but has his Hands to all yet.

Seventh VISION.

THE Glorious Show of *Peace* which appear'd in great Collections of bright Clouds in our *Eastern Heavens*, have some time drawn together, and I hope still to be able to sing, *Quiet on Earth, Good-will towards Men* ; but to my Amaze, they separate again, and retire each from other, leaving

leaving a vast Chasm or Interval without Measure, deep as the Sea, and black as the Abyss. What can this signify! Breach of Treaties, Dis appointments among Allies and Confederates, Interruption of the expected Blessing of Peace and all Sides making Appearance of farther Dis contents, preparing as if they resolv'd to open again the Breaches of Europe, and renew War and the Sword : Great Havock made in the North by bloody Actions more than One or Two between the Poles and the Turks.

The Alarms which caused the Dutch Powers Arm, mention'd before, contribute to this among the Nations ; Britain shares this Year an uncommon Perturbation, Peace in appearance, but internal Chagrin among her Nobles, Discontent and Fears among her Commons ; Measures should be taken in transacting under-hand to strengthen Interest on every Side, in case of a Rupture Home either by Mortality or otherwise : Great Apprehensions in case of Demise of the Incumbent, that the Crown is in Bargain to a Foreign Potentate, whose Power threatens the setting by Force on a Head which every one rejects ; Event of these Dissatisfactions seem to threaten Blood, but while God preserves one Reigning Life, these Shadows appear distant enough.

The Appearances of a War between Britain and the Dutch abate, and there rise up streaks of Light, which make smooth the Face of Ocean where the Threatnings of a Maritime War were seen, yet Misunderstandings remain and leave ranckling behind unheald, which

be in Danger every Year of breaking out, unless more perfectly healed at the Conclusion of General Quiet in Europe.

Great Mortality about July among the Men of Rank and Degree in the World, among whom three Sovereigns go Hand in Hand to the great Abyss, from whence no looking behind : The dark threatening Appearance which gave a View of the Contagion in Europe, continues, and Multitudes are swept away.

Armies ravage Europe without Action, and knowing neither Peace or War by the Orders they receive, yet live at Discretion, and the poor People in View of Peace, feel all the Casualties of War, even on both Sides.

Eighth VISION.

If the usual Appearances of Peace shew any thing of Certainty, now they draw together again, Britain having from the first laid down her Arms, and making no Show of taking them again, except to enforce the Peace She has projected ; Neighbouring Potentates find some necessity of complying, and begin to close, but without National Cursings and Imprecations against a certain Potentate, who they in loud approachings charge with betraying the Cause which they say they had undertaken, and sworn to maintain.

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The Combustions in the Heavens descending to fall in Cloud and Tempests, give our *clear* Second Sight a View of the Agitations which the Men of all Nations suffer at this time, and the Peace they seem to yield to become more grievous to them than the War ; but Heaven over-rules and gives Peace to some People in a Judgment for their Correction ; for lo, all the Peace which shall appear, prevents not new Broils from breaking forth in the World, and the Great Men continue to tear one another in pieces.

Whosoever the Conclusion of what the People call *Peace*, appears among us, it deceives the Expectation of every Side ; those who expect the Nation shall be effectually settled and quiet at Home by having *Peace Abroad*, and those who expect that new Wars shall immediately break out Abroad, are equally deceiv'd ; the furious Agitation of Parties at Home rather encreases than abates by the Stop which is put to the War Abroad ; strong siding against the Great Ones, quarrelling the *Peace*, impeaching the Integrity and Design of those who have brought it to this Length, as what has been a Ruin to the Measures formerly taken both at Home and Abroad ; great and formal Accusations of Ill Practises against the publick Welfare involve several Great Persons on either Side, and these again embark Parties to their several Interests, the Heats rouse both Sides to terrible Attacks upon each other, and Rabble decides the Controversie at last, to the unspeakable Distraction of the People.

The Northern Powers of Europe still contend, and make great Devastations among the Innocent People of the Empire: Germany feels great Sorrows, the Aspect of Things appears dreadful for all Parts of Europe; great Storms, Tempests and violent Rains as well as violent Heats afflict France and Spain, which destroy both their Harvest and their Vintage: The Court of France apprehensive of the Plague, but escape this Year: A great Difference happens about this Time between the Turks and some other European Princes, which threaten another War on that Side, but the Prudence of some Mediators prevent an open Rupture; Muscovy trembles at Turkish Power.

Italy desolated this Season in many Parts by Contagion of Men as well as Cattle, and great Troubles in Naples, occasion'd by the Avarice of the Germans, which are not suppressed without great Ruin and Oppression of the People.

Ninth VISION.

From the clearness of our Morning and Evening Exhalations are form'd now a Variety of bright Visions representing Peace, and comfortable Circumstances to Great-Britain, France and Spain, and some other Parts of the World; but each other, by the Operation of our most clear Perception, at last, to all appears dark again; towards the latter End of the Year Clouds of Dissention arise in France; perhaps the great Fury, whose Emblem is the Sun

in his full Strength, is now setting ; if not, if Death is not his Portion, at this Time, some Capital Disappointment shall attend him and his Affairs : Misunderstandings are begun between *France* and *Spain* about this time, which in process of Years shall divide these two Nations as much as ever, and tho' not in the Life of the present King of *France*, shall end in a War between those Two Crowns immediately after, and this War shall embark *Europe* in new Engagements very differing from what the late War had occasion'd, or the present Peace been forming among us.

I see here the Year closing without a perfed Conclusion of the *Peace*, but the Expence of a fruitless War on both Sides seems to incline all Parties, even *France* it self, to a greater readiness to comply. The Emperor has not carried on his Share of the War without eminent Loss in the Field, especially in *Germany* ; nor the *French* without great Expence of Men and Money, his early Expeditions on the *Rhine*, long Marches into *Spain*, and the excessive Heat there, have barras'd his Army, and ruin'd his Infantry : In *Flanders* equal Fatigues, and little or no Progress hath attended both Armies, so that all seem to incline to *Peace*, and to set about it with more Earnestness than ever, yet great Obstructions lie in the Way ; I see indeed great Probability that it shall be finally compleated in the Months of *September* and *October* but some Accidents may still intervene to prevent it.

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Something threatens *Italy* this Season, and the Death of the Pope, attended with unusual Difficulties threatening a Schism in the Romish Affairs seem the End of things there; the Conduct of the *French* in these Things will have a great Share, nor will this Year end it.

Mount *Vesuvius* may have an unusual Irruption about this time also, and some Earthquakes in *Sicily* are like to do great Damage; Scarcity of Corn in *Italy*, *Spain* and *Lombardy* reduce the Poor to great Extremities.

Tenth V I S I O N.

BY what Aspect our usual Appearances have at our Tenth Observation, I see Hopes that the End of the Year closes with *Peace*, and for that reason I give you but *Ten Visions* for this Year, whereas before it was in *Twelve*. The Allies of *Britain* concluding, or not concluding, we allow our selves to be in *Peace*: The General Treaty eminently manag'd by the *British* Influence, may not yet have effectually been finished, but the *Peace* as entertain'd by the *British* Sovereign, appears made for our selves, and such of our Allies as stand with us; the rest complain loudly, and talk high, but see a Necessity of Complying, and putting an End to the War which now every Body think better of than they did before.

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Many of my Second-Sighted Friends say openly that they see farther than I have done into these Things, which I will not deny; they pretend to see that the *Peace* was made some time since, with ill Views and ill Prospects, and by ill Men, and will but ill last, and that many ill Consequences shall happen from it; but I shall rather publish my own Views, and what my own Sight discovers, than what these Men say: I cannot say with Verity that I have such black Sights beyond the *Peace* as they have, and therefore say to my Countrymen and Friends, That if the ill Things do follow the *Peace* which these Men predict, it must, very much of it, be the Mis-management of our own selves at Home that may procure it, and that therefore, if they please, the *Peace* shall be well or ill for them: Among those who have it so much in their Power to better to us the Effects of *Peace*, none so much as those who make it; who, if they will prevent the Influences of *France* over Affairs in *Britain*, and in the rest of *Europe*, questionless may cause the Effects of this *Peace* to be less hurtful to *Britain* than otherwise it would be: These Men can, no doubt, prevent the Dangers of the Party who favour a Wrong Succession, and can bring the Nation to a more settled Condition in that Affair than we are in at present: Whether they shall do this or not; whether they shall take Effectual Care or no to prevent the Fears of the People, and farther to secure us after a *Peace*, I shall give a more direct Account of in my next Year's Predictions.

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The two last Months of this Year threaten great Loss and Destruction in *Europe* by unusual Tempests, especially about November, the gathering Torrents I see evidently in the Air, and all the Heats of Summer furnish Vapour for this Irruption; it is probable the same shall be attended with great Innundations of Water.

Some great Calamity threatens *Germany* and *Hungary*; whether the *Northern War* shall break out again, or whether the *Turks* shall fall in upon the Empire, does not yet appear, but it seems that the War in the *North*, notwithstanding all the Endeavours of the Princes of *Germany* to put an End to it, shall not be finally concluded during the length of these Predictions.

The Plague, as is usual at this Season of the Year, ceases, or rather takes Breath only to revive with the more Fury, and if my *Second Sight* says true to me, the next Year it shall begin in these Countries, or entirely cease in *EUROPE*.

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